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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 17th-June, through Sunday, 24th-June there were 204 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3D2, 3DA, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5T, 5V, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, DL, DU, E3, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FH, FK, FM, FO, FR, FS, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JX, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PY, PY0F, PZ, R1FJ, S2, S5, SM, SP, ST, SV, SV5, SV9, T32, T5, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TT, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VP2E, VP2M, VP2V, VP8/h, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XW, YA, YB, YI, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

*** PLEASE NOTE:** The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

5H, TANZANIA

Ro, DL4ME, will once again be active as 5H3ME between August 14th and September 3rd. Activity will be holiday style on the HF bands from 80-6 meters using CW and the Digital

modes. QSL via his home callsign.

9H, MALTA

Zoltan, HA5PP, will once again be active as 9H3PP during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) and CQWW DX CW Contest (November 24-25th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (possibly 15 or 10m) entry. Activity outside of the contest will take place a few days before the contest and will be on 17 and 12 meters. QSL via HA5PP.

D6, COMOROS (Update/Dates)

A team of Europeon operators will be active as D64K from Ngazidja (Grande Comore), Comoros Islands (IOTA AF-007), between August 8-20th. The current list of operators mentioned are Salvador C31CT/EA3QS, Sigi/DL7DF, Josep/EA3AKY, Fabrizio/IW3SQY, Paolo/ IV3DSH, Franco/IZ8GCE and Les/SP3DOI. The team has already obtained all permissions, and the license has been sent to the DXCC Desk. Pilot station is Stan/KH6CG. Their license covers from 160 to 6 meters, so the guys will be active on all bands and modes, and they are even considering the possi- bility of working on 60m and 6m. The QSL Manager will be Paolo, IV3DSH. More details will be forthcoming. Watch the following for updates:

http://www.d64k.com
https://twitter.com/#!/D64K

DXCC NEWS

Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL Awards Branch Manager, reports that the following operations are approved for DXCC credit:

TL9ES Central African Republic; 2011 Operation
TT8ES Chad; 2012 Operation

DXPEDITION VIDEOS OF THE WEEK (New Feature)

With more and more DXpeditions putting their videos on YouTube and other Web services, we decided to list them (possibly) each week. For this week's listings, we thought to list and prepare you for the upcoming NH8S Swains Island DXpedition:

* Swains Island Aerial Assessment (an unlisted video):
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nttO7LX-EAY

* A team from National Marine Sanctuaries visit Swains Island:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z0piF9O-1OI&

* 2006 KH8SI Swains Island DXpedition:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NZ-YBZT0W1s

* Interesting documentary of Olohega or Swains Island. The island was annexed to the United States. Its former inhabitants were evicted almost sixty years ago from their island and long to return. They claim it belongs to the Tokelau Islands.
Videos Part 1, 2 and 3:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0qt81PZHyU0
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fdeIQJ8PI0o

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YWmraGZfc4c

E5, SOUTH COOK ISLANDS

Operators Wayne/N6NB and Carrie/W6TAI will be active as E51YNB and E51TAI, respectively, from Rarotonga Island (OC-013) for the IARU HF World Championship (July 14-15th). Activity is expected to start a few days before and after the contest. Operations will be on 40-15 meters SSB only. Wayne tells OPDX, " If all goes well we'll have an IC-7000 and a THP HL-550FX amp (500 watts), with a TH2 (Hy-Gain 2-element tribander) plus a dipole for 40. We may pass on 80 because the noise level there was extremely high when we were in Rarotonga for the ARRL Phone DX Contest." QSL both callsigns via N6NB. Read about their first operation at:

http://commfaculty.fullerton.edu/woverbeck/e51ynb.htm

FP, ST. PIERRE & MIQUELON

Mike, VE2XB, will once again be active as FP/VE2XB from **St. Pierre & Miquelon Islands** (**NA-032**, DIFO FP-002, WLOTA 1417) between August 10-20th. Activity will have a special focus on 6 meters, but he will also be active on all bands from 80-6 meters. He states that he will be bring his THP amp for 500w, so his signals should be good with the Hexbeam. QSL via VE2XB (see).**(QRZ.com)**

IOTA NEWS

AS-120. Members of the Nicosia Amateur Radio Club were expected to activate the **"Agios Georgios" islet** off the coast of Akamas, Cyprus, as C4MG this past weekend. QSL via 5B4KH.

EU-016. Brani, OM2FY, will be active as 9A/OM2FY from **Brac Island** during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Single-Op/ DXpedition/CW-Mode/24H entry. QSL via OM2FY.

EU-031. Gian, IC8WIC, will be active from **Capri Island** during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Single-Op entry. QSL via his home callsign or by the Bureau.

EU-038. Operators Paul/PA3FUN, Jerry/PH9HB, Jan/PD1AIQ and Bram/PE1OPK will be active as PA6NH from **Texel Island** during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Multi-Op/Mixed-Mode/Low-Power entry. QSL via PA6NH (see **(QRZ.com)**).

EU-046. Wolfgang, DM2AUJ, will be active as LA/DM2AUJ from **Senja Island** between June 24-28th. Activity will be on the HF bands on or around the usual island and IOTA frequencies. QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau or direct.

EU-076. Wolfgang, DM2AUJ, will be active as LA/DM2AUJ from **Lofoten Island** between June 30th and July 10th. Activity will be on the HF bands on or around the usual island and IOTA fre- quencies. QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau or direct.

EU-112. (Cancelled!) Members of the GMDX Group (Scotland's DX Associ- ation) planned to activate GB5SI from **Shiant Isles [House Island)** between June 15-22nd. Reason for it being cancelled was not provided.

EU-124. Members of the Strumble Head DX and Contest Group (SHDXCG) will once again be

activating **Ramsey Island** between July 12-16th. Activity will be on all bands from 40-6 meters using 2 Hexbeams and a Windom. This year they are hoping to have a station dedicated to the Digital modes, mostly RTTY, using a TS480 at 200w and one of the Hexbeams. They have also analyzed their logs and seen that there is a shortage of contacts with North and South America, and also the countries around the Caribbean. They have looked at the terrain and the location of the antennas with a view to getting one Hexbeam a little higher to clear a small ridge that blocks the westernly direction allowing these contacts to be made. As usual, QSL via the manager Tim, M0URX,

(see www.m0urx.com)

using his OQRS system for a speedy turn around. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW and Clublog as soon as they get back to the mainland. All details and (hopefully) a daily blog will be available on their Web site at:

http://www.mc0shl.com

The team has also advised that they will operate from their farm HQ if they are unable to make the crossing to the island due to bad weather but will announce on air if this is the case.

EU-178. Operators Dominik/SQ7OXU, Constantin/RD1AR, Sergey/UA1ANA and Jack/SP7DPJ will be active as ES0W from **Ruhnu Island** between July 26-30th. Activity will include the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Multi-Op/Mixed-Mode/Dxpediton/Low-Power entry. Antennas will be a Hexbeam and Inverted Vs. QSL via SP7DPJ, direct or by the Bureau.

NA-029. Operator Ken, K6LA, will operate from **Prince Edward Island** in eastern Canada using the VY2TT superstation (Grid Square FN76vs, CISA PE-001) during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Mixed/24H entry. QSL via K6LA.

NA-129. John, VE8EV, will be active as VE8EV/p from **Banks Island** (Grid CQ71) during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Single-Op/Mixed-Mode entry. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW. Watch for possible updates on his Blog page at:

http://ve8ev.blogspot.com

NA-136. Adam, W1ASB, will be active as W1ASB/P from **Ram Island** during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Single-Op/Low-Power/ Unassisted/ 12HR entry. QSL via the info on **(QRZ.com)**.

OC-135. (Update to OPDX.1066) Han, SM6CVX, plans to be active as P29VCX from **Bougainville Island** (not Buka Island) between November 6-9th. QSL via his home callsign.

K2, UNITED STATES (Special Event)

Next weekend starts the 4th annual "Original 13 Colonies - Independence Week - Special Event", which begins 12:01 AM Eastern (0401Z), on July 1st, (That's one minute after midnight, early Sunday morning, July 1st) to 11:59 PM Eastern (0359Z July 6th) ending on July 5th (One minute to midnight, late Thursday night, July 5th). Recognizing that "Independence Day" (July 4th) comes in the middle of the week (Wednesday) and that some operators will be going to their work on the 2nd, 3rd and 5th, they have added a BONUS DAY on Saturday, June 30th, 2012!! Stations will operate from 09:00 AM Eastern (1300Z) right through until the 5th. Keep in mind that there may be fewer operators available on the work

days, so PLEASE BE PATIENT! There will be at least two S.E. stations per colony state.

Also included will be Super contest stations, multi-operator Club stations, and OM & XYL teams. Activity will be on 160-2 meters, except 60/30/17/12m, and using all modes (Satellites, CW, SSB and the Digital modes - but it is up to the individual colony state station). The Colony state stations to look for are: K2A (New York), K2B (Virginia), K2C (Rhode Island), K2D (Connecticut), K2E (Delaware), K2F (Maryland), K2G (Georgia), K2H (Massachusetts), K2I (New Jersey), K2J (North Carolina), K2K (New Hampshire), K2L (South Carolina) and K2M (Pennsylvania). "ALL" Colony stations will issue a special event QSL card this year! Also, a special certificate is available. For complete details, visit their Web page at:

http://www.13colonies.info

KH6BZF PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (June 25th-July 1st)

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Jun/25th  AN      Jun/28th  AN      Jun/30th  AN
Jun/26th  AN      Jun/29th  AN      Jul/01st  AN
Jun/27th  AN


  SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE
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   NORMALITY                GEOMAG       K Values    Alpha
  -----------------         ------       --------    ------
  AN  - Above Normal        Quiet        K=0-1       0-7
  HN  - High Normal         Unsettled    K=2         8-15
  LN  - Low Normal          Active       K=3         16-29
  BN  - Below Normal        Minor Storm  K=4         30-49
  DIS - Disturbed           Major Storm  K=5         50-99
  VRY DIS - Very Disturbed Severe Storm K=6-9       100-400
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LJ2, NORWAY (Special Event)

Look for special event station LJ2T to be active from "The Signals Museum of the Norwegian Armed Forces" near Lillehammer, Norway (locator JP51ED), between June 28th and July 1st. Activity will be on many bands and modes, most likely from 80 meters to 4 meters (70 MHz). QSL via LA5EAA. More info available at:

http://www.qrz.com/db/lj2t

LY200/LY54, LITHUANIA (Special Events)

LY200NB - Will be on the air last ten days of June to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Napoleon Army crossing river Nemunas in Kaunas, Lithuania. For more details, see **(QRZ.com)**. Also, see:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Napoleonic_Wars

LY54SOP - Will be on the air during July 1-31st, to celebrate the 54th anniversary of SOP (Sea of Peace), Baltic Sea. Every year in July the radio amateurs of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern district accomplish special activities supporting the application of the SOP. The SOP is awarded for contacts with different countries/areas bordering the Baltic Sea and Norway each year during the month of July. For more details, see:

http://www.amateurfunk-mvp.de/inhalte/sopdipl.htm

QSL both callsigns via LY5W (see (QRZ.com)). Working these stations, you have a good chance to work a new prefix for the LY WPX Trophy, LY WPX Trophy Honor Roll and the Baltic States WPX Trophy.

OH, ALAND ISLANDS

Czech senior operators Bob/OK2BOB, Franta/OK1HH and Jindra/OK1AMM will be active as OH0/homecall between June 24th and June 30th. Activity will be mainly CW and SSB on 160-6 meters. The WW LOC will be KP00AC on **Aland Islands (EU-002)**. QSL via the OK Bureau or direct.

QSL INFO AND NEWS

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QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (dated June 24th)
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3A/DG5NFF via DG5NFF      FJ/W6JKV via W6JKV        LZ1515PSB via LZ1KCP
9A8VB via UA4WHX          FK8CE via LZ1JZ           ON50HC via ON3AIM
CE2/VE7SV via VE7WY       HB0/DL6CX via DL6CX       PA914PORSCHE via PA1PDJ
DR0ALSFELD via DL1RI      HG1DX via HA1XR           RA75PD via RK3DYB
EA5/DL5EO via DL5EO       HL2ZBD/3 via JK3IJQ       VY2/DL1FDH via DL1FDH
ED1J via EA1GPL           IH9/IK0SXU via IK0SXU     VY2/F8BMG/P via F8BMG
EG0URA via EA7URA         JT1DDD via JA2VWG         W6GO/KH6 via W6GO
EH2CJW via EA2CJW         KP2/K3TN via K3TN         W7F via AI4U
EH3EPC via EB3JT          LY200NB via LY5W
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QSL RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 4U1ITU, 4X6KA, 5P12EU, 6O0CW, C4Z, CO2VE, CT1UA, CU2JT, EI7JK, EI8FH, EV1R, FS/K9EL, HK3TU, IZ3DVU, KH2D, KH7L, KP2/K3TN, LY3BW, LY3W, MM0BGN, RT6A, RG6G, RT6A, SN2012WA, UA2FL, US0MS, UT7ND, VC2W, VE1OP, VE9NC, VK3EW, YO3VU, YV5RED and ZC4LI

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 5N7M, 6O3A, 6O0CW, 9M0L, AA1BU/KP2, CE2WQ, CP4BT, DL2RU/P, E51NNN, FG8NY, HK0NA, HR5/F2JD, IH9WKH, J79IU, JY5HX, KG2A/VP9, KH8/N9YU, MU0FAL, PJ7/IK2QPR, SV2BOH, VK9PN, XU7DLH, YB8Y, YW5PI, ZD7VC and ZL7VR

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 4S7KKG, 5A1A, 6V7Z, HB0/DF7EF, HP1WW, HS0ZFA, S9DX, V55V/P and ZD8O

TY, BENIN

Pat, LA0HF, will be active as TY2BP from Fidjrossé, Cotonou, beginning June 26th, for a minimum of 30 days, up to 45 days. Activity will be on 20/15/10 meters. QSL via IK2IQD.

VK0H, HEARD ISLAND (Update)

On June 15th, the 2014 Cordell Expedition to Heard Island announced the initial team for the DXpedition. At this time this list is incomplete; it will be augmented in the coming months. The partial list of operators are Bob/KK6EK (Team Leader/Organizer), Peter/ON6TT (Co-Organizer), Christian/DL1MGB (Co-Organizer), Mike/N6MZ (Co-Organizer), Bill/AA7XT, Alan/AD6E, Gerd/DJ5IW, Franz/DJ9ZB, George/ N4GRN, Paul/N6PSE, Dr. Carlos/NP4IW (Logistics), Wes/W3WL and Dr. Glenn/ W0GJ (Physician). Non-operators from USA Dr.

Jeffrey Bozanic (Co-Organ- izer, Environmental Science, Antarctic Diving) and Joan Boothe (Doc- umentation, Explorers Club). The support team (partial list) includes Rich/KY6R (Pilot/Software), Dean/N7XG (Software) and Peter/W6OP (Software). The next round of team members will be announced on August 15th. This project follows the very successful expedition to Heard Island carried out by this group in 1997. Details of that operation can be seen at:

http://www.cordell.org/HI

The Web site for the 2014 DXpedition is at:

http://www.cordell.org/HD

YN, NICARAGUA

Mike, AJ9C, will be active as YN2CC from Granada, Nicaragua, between November 20-28th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. Also, Mike will be in the CQWW DXCW Contest (November 24-25th) as a Sinlge-Op/Low-Power entry. QSL via LoTW or direct to his home callsign.

VY0, CANADA (Nunavut Territory)

Rob, KC0VEU, will once again be active as homecall/VY0 from Eureka, **Ellesmere Island, Nunavut (NA-008**, Grid Loc. EQ79ax) until July 5th. He is there on official business. Sometime during his stay, and weather permitting, he will attempt to operate from the PEARL facility 15km away which is located at 80°N - 86°25'W, and there- fore in the rare ER grid (ER60) for those who chase the CQ Grid Fields award and the rare ITU Zone 75. PEARL (the Polar Environment Atmospheric Research Laboratory) is also a separate base for the Arctic Challenge

www.french-polar-team.fr

This is Rob's fifth time on Ellesmere.

PLEASE NOTE: KC0VEU recently passed his Extra class exam and is expecting a new callsign in the "AD0" prefix block, but will still sign / VY0. QSL direct or by the Bureau to his home callsign.

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OPDX WORLD-WIDE WEB HOME (provided by John, K8YSE (k8yse@papays.com):
http://www.papays.com/opdx.html

ALSO VISIT THE NORTERN OHIO DX ASSOCIATION'S WEB HOME PAGE:
http://www.papays.com/nodxa.html

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